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Chapter 28

Do you speak Putonghua

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- make an enquiry
- say 你会说普通话吗 nǐ huì shuō Pǔtōnghuà ma
学汉语难不难 xué Hànyǔ nán bu nán

New words and expressions T169

huì 会	can, be able to	mǎn 慢	slow
shuō 说	speak	xǐhuan 喜欢	like
Pǔtōnghuà 普通话	Putonghua	nán 难	difficult
Zhōngwén 中文	Chinese language	róngyì 容易	easy
dǒng 懂	understand		

Chapter 29

I can't come

Learn to

- refuse invitations or requests
- say 很遗憾，我不能去 hěn yíhàn, wǒ bù néng qù

New words and expressions



T175

Xīngqīliù 星期六	Saturday	tíqián 提前	in advance
shēngrì jùhuì 生日聚会	birthday party	zhù 祝	wish
dāngrán 当然	sure, of course	shēngrì kuàilè 生日快乐	happy birthday
yíhàn 遗憾	regretful, sorry	duōxiè 多谢	many thanks, thanks a lot
wéishénme 为什么	why	qǐng 请	invite
Xīngqīrì 星期日	Sunday	gǎitiān 改天	make it another day
nāme 那么	then, in that case		

Chapter 30

No, this won't do

Learn to

- agree and give permission or disagree
- say 我可以……吗 wǒ kěyǐ ... ma
这样不行 zhèyàng bùxíng

New words and expressions T181

Lǎo Wáng 老王	Lao Wang (an informal Chinese title)	bùxíng 不行	this won't do
yòng 用	use	děi 得	have to
diànhuà 电话	telephone	gǎi chéng 改成	change to
shūfáng 书房	study room	jìngqǐng guānglín 敬请 光临	you are respectfully invited to come
qǐngjiǎn 请柬	invitation		

Dialogue T182 T183

- 1 Amy (A) is at Lao Wang's (W) house.

A: Lǎo Wáng, wǒ kěyǐ yòng yíxià
老王, 我可以用一下

Chapter 31

Who is calling?

Learn to

- make a phone call and leave a message
- say 您是哪位 nín shì nǎ wèi
我的电话号码是…… wǒ de diànhuà hàomǎ shì ...
一定转告 yíding zhuǎngào

New words and expressions T187

wèi 喂	(used in telephone call) hello	gēn 跟	with
yuē hǎo 约好	arranged/made an appointment	hàomǎ 号码	number
huàjù 话剧	play	huí 回	return
gàosu 告诉	tell	zhuǎngào 转告	pass on (word)
jí shì 急事	something urgent		

Chapter 32

It is too small

Learn to

- make a request for an exchange or refund in a shop
- say 我想换一件衬衫 wǒ xiǎng huàn yí jiàn chènshān
我想退鞋 wǒ xiǎng tuì xié

New words and expressions T193

jiàn 件	measure word	dà 大	big
zěnmé le 怎么了	what's wrong	mài wán le 卖完了	sold out
xiǎo 小	small	tì 替	for someone
qiántiān 前天	the day before yesterday	biéren 别人	the other people
shuāng 双	a pair of (measure word for shoes, etc.)	tuì 退	refund
xié 鞋	shoe		

Chapter 33

I have to go

Learn to

- make an excuse
- say 我得走了 wǒ děi zǒu le
改天再来 gǎitiān zài lái

New words and expressions



T199

bù zǎo le 不早了	it's late	chángtú 长途	long distance
bié 别	don't	tántán 谈谈	have a talk
zhāojí 着急	hurry	jìhuà 计划	plan
cháng (yì) cháng 尝 (一) 尝	taste	zhǔnbèi 准备	prepare
diǎnxīn 点心	snack	huìyì 会议	meeting
huíqu 回去	return, go back	hǎode 好的	O.K., alright
guójì 国际	international		

Chapter 34

It's too expensive

Learn to

- bargain in shopping
- say 太贵了 tài guì le
怎么样 zěnmeyāng

New words and expressions T205

guì 贵	expensive	jīn 斤	jīn (Chinese weight unit = 0.5 kilo)
piányi diǎnr 便宜 点儿	a little bit cheaper	xiāngjiāo 香蕉	banana
zuì shǎo 最少	the lowest, at least	yí gòng 一共	all together, in total
shuǐguǒ 水果	fruit	zhēme guì 这么贵	how expensive
zěnmē mǎi 怎么卖	how much is it	dǎ zhé 打折	discount
píngguǒ 苹果	apple	zài 再	further

Chapter 35

I want to change British pounds to RMB

Learn to

- make a request for exchange of currencies
- say 用英镑换人民币 yòng Yīngbǎng huàn Rēnmínbì
换多少 huàn duōshao

New words and expressions T212

Yīngbǎng 英镑	British pound	xiànjīn 现金	cash
Rēnmínbì 人民币	name of the Chinese currency, RMB	lǚxíng zhīpiào 旅行支票	traveller's cheque
bǎi 百	hundred	qiān 千	thousand
duìhuànlǜ 兑换率	exchange rate	shǒuxùfèi 手续费	commission
Měiyuán 美元	American dollar		

Chapter 36

See you tomorrow

Learn to

- say goodbye
- say 回头见 huítóu jiàn
明天见 míngtiān jiàn
祝你一路平安 zhù nǐ yí lù píng'ān

New words and expressions T218

xiān 先	first	bàn 办	go through (formalities)
bāngōngshì 办公室	office	yí lù píng'ān 一路平安	safe journey
děng 等	wait	lǚ tú yú kuài 旅途愉快	happy journey
huítóu jiàn 回头见	see you later	duō bǎo zhòng 多保重	take care of
dēngjī shǒuxù 登机手续	check in	fāng xīn ba 放心吧	don't worry